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Three men charged in crime spree

BY PAUL FREY MVP Staff

Charges have been laid against three men who were wanted by RCMP after allegedly committing crimes throughout Central Alberta last week.

Cody Cutter, 24, of Rocky Mountain House, along with alleged accomplices Lucas Denny, 20, of Red Deer and Dylan Kurney, 21, of Caroline are facing numerous charges following a crime spree in Didsbury, Sundre, Olds, Hanna, Red Deer and Airdrie.

The three men are facing charges of armed robbery, possession of stolen property, theft under \$5,000, theft over \$5,000, flight from police, failing to comply with a recognizance and break and enter.

As of last week, all three men were in custody awaiting further court proceedings. A bail hear-ing was to be held for Cutter on the afternoon of Feb. 12 to determine his next court appearance. Denny and Kurney appeared in Saskatoon Provincial Court on the morning of Feb. 12 and remained in custody for a show cause hear ing that was scheduled Saskatoon for Feb. Police and Crown counsel were also working to return Denny and Kurney to Didsbury to

face court proceedings.
Police say that some time overnight on Feb. 10, the suspects drove a stolen vehicle from Red Deer to Airdrie, when the vehicle they were driving ran out of gas. They then allegedly stole a black flat deck Ford F-450 from a compound in Airdrie. At about 5:30 a.m. a passenger from the stolen vehicle, whom police allege was Cutter. attempted to rob the Fas Gas in Didsbury. Police say the suspect produced a firearm during the attempted robbery, but was unsuccessful in stealing any money or goods.

"A young male entered the store and asked to buy two cartons of cigarettes," said Const. Keith Gill of the Didsbury RCMP. "The cashier asked for identification. The young man stalled and she asked for identification again and he pulled out a firearm. Words were exchanged between the (suspect) and the cashier....and the suspect took off from the store without anything."

About 45 minutes later, police allege the same man attempted another armed theft at the Fas Gas in Olds, where a suspect again produced the firearm but was



PLAYOFF ACTION - Mountainview Colts player Clinton Armitage rushes down the ice during the Colts' playoff game against the Stettler Lightning at the Didsbury Memorial Arena on Feb. 11. The Lightning won the game 8 to 4.

unsuccessful in obtaining any goods from that location. The vehicle the suspect was riding in was seen departing westbound on Highway 27 toward Sundre.

"At that same time, we got a call from Airdrie RCMP that the vehicle that was stolen from their area was westbound on Highway 27 toward Sundre. It was being tracked by (OnStar) GPS coordinates," Gill said, adding that RCMP from Sundre, Olds and Didsbury tracked the vehicle to a rural property near

Sundre

RCMP say the suspects then allegedly stole a 2006 silver GMC Envoy and a 2007 white Dodge one-ton with a bale handler attached to it from the property, abandoning the Ford flat deck because it had run out of gas. The Envoy was later recovered in the Rocky Mountain House area while RCMP towed the abandoned black flat deck to the Sundre detachment.

The canine unit from Red Deer was also at the Sundre property but the dog was unable to track a scent

At 10:30 a.m., police say two of the suspects were seen entering a grocery store in Hanna. After spending time in the store, one of the suspects was seen with a grocery cart full of items getting into the 2007 Dodge. The vehicle was observed leaving the parking lot northbound at about noon.

All three suspects were observed on surveillance equipment near the grocery store in Hanna. RCMP headquarters in Edmonton then sent out a message to all detachments in Alberta and Saskatchewan, where the suspects were believed to be headed.

"The two suspects in the white Dodge were arrested in Kindersley, Saskatchewan ... in the early morning hours (of Feb. 11)," Gill said, adding that the man RCMP allege was responsible for the Didsbury and Olds robberies turned himself in to Sundre RCMP late on Feb. 11. Gill said RCMP believe

Gill said RCMP believe the suspects wanted to steal items to later sell so they could buy drugs with the proceeds.

Council strikes committee on staff consolidation

BY PAUL FREY MVP Staff

Council members struck a committee at the Feb. 10 council meeting to study how the town could bring as many staff as possible into one location.

Currently, town staff is spread out at six different buildings around town. But administrators want to consolidate staff in as few buildings as possible to improve the work staff already does. The committee will consist of senior town staff, Mayor Rick Mousseau, Coun. Garth Hollinger and Coun. Joyce McCoy.

"I really think it's time to move forward and ... look at options," Greg Skotheim, the town's manager of planning, infrastructure and public works, told council members.

Although there could be some room at the soon-to-be-built new fire hall for more town staff, Skotheim said in the longer term the town wants to build a new town halllibrary and retain more staff there.

Skotheim said there is no timeline attached to the consolidation process.

"This is going to be a long-term project," said Coun. Lavar Adams.

In an interview, Skotheim said since the town will be hiring a new peace officer this year as well as an information technology manager, and the community will be growing over the next few years, it made sense to start a discussion on how town employees can improve communication and efficiency.

"Things are pretty busy (in the town office) with people sharing space and it's fairly tight now so that's kind of our direction. My thought is a consolidated office ... is a better working environment, a more upto-date facility, better coordination of departments. We've got a pretty strong team and it's pretty hard when you have (staff at) six different buildings," he said.





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Mountainview Colts player Jason Edwards fights for possession of the puck during the Colts' playoff game against the Stettler Lightning at the Didsbury Memorial Arena on Feb. 11. The Lightning won the game 8 to 4. After the Colts won Game 2 on Feb. 12, the two teams were to play Feb. 14, after press time, to decide the series. Look to www.didsburyreview. ca next week for the full story.

Dragons suffer loss against Olds rivals

BY PAUL FREY MVP Staff

The Didsbury High School Dragons senior boys basketball team suffered a tough 92-25 loss to the Olds High School Spartans in Chinook's Edge South Athletic Association play on Feb. 11.

After the Dragons took an early 6-3 lead in the game, the Spartans turned it around and outscored the Dragons 26-5 during the remainder of the first quarter. The Dragons had many turnovers bringing the ball up the floor, sometimes losing the handle on the ball while at other times the Spartans stripped the ball handler and went down the floor for attempted buckets. Many of those turnovers turned into Spartans points.

The Spartans continued their dominance in the second quarter, opening up a 40-point lead on the Dragons, 54-14.

In the second half, the Spartans continued their control of the game, leading 79-20 after 30 minutes, before closing out the Dragons in final quarter.

Damian Vickers led the Dragons with 10 points, while Ian Griffiths added five points.

Following the game, coach Gary Griffiths said while the Spartans are a good team, the Dragons were hampered by having only two substitutions available.

Griffiths said one of the issues the team has been working on is attempting to slow the tempo of the game down a bit by not rushing the ball up the floor as quickly. Many times during the game against the

Spartans, Dragons players attempted to push the ball up the floor quickly and lost the handle on it or had it stripped away leaving the team flat-footed defensively.

"We've been trying to slow that down. That is an issue we have, our one guard likes to take it up fast and we're getting caught in the other end. Turnovers is our biggest enemy," he said.

On offence, the Dragons had hard luck, with

On offence, the Dragons had hard luck, with numerous shots bouncing off the rim and out. Griffiths said players are practising their shooting, but in a game situation the ball is not falling for them.

"We knew coming into this game if was going to be like this. (The Spartans) are the top and we're kind of the bottom. I have to say, they're a good bunch. They keep their spirits up," he said.

Dragons do well at Calgary tournament

BY PAUL FREY MVP Staff

The Didsbury High School Dragons senior girls basketball team finished third at a recent tournament in Calgary.

The team finished with a 3-1 record, losing to host Rundle College 65-38 in the semifinal of the tournament, held on Feb. 6 and 7. Rundle College was the 2A provincial basketball champion last season and is ranked number 1 among 2A teams this season. The tournament featured many of the teams that played in the provincial championships that DHS hosted last season.

It was a 16-team tournament, double the number of squads that normally attend tournaments

"Even though that's a big margin (of victory), we were still really happy with how we played in that game. We worked hard from beginning to end," said Henry Paulgaard, the team's coach.

The Dragons started out the tournament defeating David Thompson High School 93-36.

Paulgaard said the



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The Dragons finished third in a tournament on Feb. 6 and 7 in which the two teams that squared off for the provincial title last year finished in the same position.

team got off to a slow start but after an extralong break at halftime that included a school evacuation due to the fire alarm going off, the Dragons shifted into high gear in the second half, scoring more than

50 points

"We had a slow start and then the fire alarm went off and we all had to go outside at halftime and after the fire alarm we came back like a new team," Paulgaard said.

The team then beat

Sexsmith Secondary School 51-33.

"That was a big game because winning that one put us in the final four of that tournament," he said.

After losing to Rundle College, the Dragons regrouped and defeated

Willow Creek Composite High School 49-44 to claim third place.

"We had a tough battle back and forth," Paulgaard said, noting that Willow Creek took a 9-0 lead early in the game, before the

Dragons went on a 15-0 run late in the first quarter to lead 15-9 after 10 minutes of play.

"We were able to turn that around. That was a big confidence booster for us. It was a positive weekend," he said.

Didsbury senior aided by aquatic exercise

BY PAUL FREY MVP Staff

One Didsbury senior is praising the town and its staff, particularly at the Didsbury Aquatic Centre - for allowing her to improve her health.

Milburn, Noreen 83, suffered two heart attacks within a fourmonth span in 2013, but has since resumed three-day-per-week water aerobics program that has improved her inoperable sciatica and her mental outlook. After suffering the heart attacks, she resumed doing aerobics, with the help of aquatic centre

Preferring to do the aerobics alone rather than in one of the classes that are offered, Milburn said aquatic centre staff have been helpful, allowing her to set up in one corner of the pool during lap swims and allowing her to play her own

"The staff there at the pool, they are so accommodating. I can't say enough about them," she

Milburn formerly taught a water aerobics class for 17 years while she and her husband Elmer spent winters near Yuma, Ariz. She had been advised to try the activity after a friend told her about the physi-cal benefits it would have for her sciatica. Initially skeptical – Milburn had previously been a lap swimmer for many years she tried water aerobics and found it helped her immensely.

"I used to lap swim. But I wasn't interested in doing the water aero-bics because I was a lap swimmer," she said.

After suffering heart attacks, Milburn said she knew she wanted to get back into the

able. She finds it diffi-cult walking without some type of assistance, but finds the water is an excellent way to ease the difficulty she has on land while allowing her to exercise as well.

"When I get in the water. I can do what I can't do on land. When I had my two heart attacks in 2013 four months apart ... that was a rough time. And when I got my strength back I got right back in the water. It's wonderful exercise. The water allows you to move (easily)," she said.

With some of the

health challenges she's faced over the past few years, Milburn said getting in the water has not only helped her physically, but mentally as well.

"It lifts my spirits. It really does. If I was home all the time, I would be pretty depressed," she

Noel West/MVP Staff Despite recent health challenges, Noreen Milbum continues water aerobics three days per week

there being a sales

in the upcoming budget were slim to none, mainly

because the premier him-

self is personally opposed.
"Don't believe anything

you read in the newspa-pers that says I do. I don't

What I've said is that

eople need to speak up if

that is what they favour." Most important, added

the premier, was that the province could not move

forward with a "do noth-

ing" agenda, hoping the

current rocky course will

correct itself on the notion

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Innisfail hears premier's 'tough message

BACHUSKY MVP Staff

Premier Jim Prentice has told Innisfailians his government will soon roll out a 10-year plan to correct the course of the province's worsening financial picture from collapsing world

At the same time, he told an assembled crowd of supporters on Feb. 11 at the Innisfail Legion that Kerry Towle, the MLA for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake who jumped to the Tories from Wildrose party on Nov 24, has had a "dramatic influence" on his caucus government, remains a "powerful advocate" for citizens in the riding

has "This woman stepped into our caucus and she's earned the admiration of every single member of the Progressive Conservative caucus. She speaks up, speaks her mind, tells the truth and lets people know what in the best interests of the people in her constitu-ency," said Prentice while Towle beamed along his side

There has been some pretty heavy lifting in the province and there is going to be even more heavy lift ing going forward, and Kerry has not been the east bit afraid to stand up

and be counted," added the premier. "You've got a great person in your cor-

Towle is being challenged for the Tory riding nomination by Red Deer County mayor Jim Wood. Prentice told the Province after his speech that he has not yet talked to Wood.

Prentice then pointed to a Jan. 28 letter he issued on Towle's behalf, which stated she was the "recommended candidate.

"Just in case I wasn't clear on your question about endorsing Kerry, there is a letter she has, and she might share it with you and it is perfectly clear," said Prentice.

In the meantime, Prentice reminded his audience that today's plummeting oil prices are not about to change any time soon, that there will be a period of "tough choices" all Albertans will have to face.

We've had a pretty good thing going in Alberta. We've been like Alberta. We've been like the luckiest people on the planet. We've had the best of everything," said Prentice but reminding his audience the province also has the most expensive public service system in the country. "We are going to have \$50 oil for a little while folks. If you are talking to people who say, 'Don't worry about

it because oil prices are going to bounce back up', that's wrong. Don't believe

There is not a single energy expert in the world, not a single financial analyst that we've talked to who thinks that oil prices are going to bounce back any time soon," he added.

He said the government would soon produce a budget that will be radically different than what has been put to the public in the past - a fiscal plan for Alberta that will protect the province for the next 10 years.

"It will be a 10-year plan to get through this, how we rebuild the say ings trust fund again, how we get back to balance in terms of finances, how we use the savings we have to help us get through this; kind of shock absorbers," said Prentice, adding the plan also includes protecting Alberta's core services 'It is going to be measured,

"We can't deal with something like this in one vear. It is too big," added the premier.

"In fact the economists we talked to said don't try to do it in one year, because if you try to do it in one year you will make such enormous cuts to government that you will put us into a recession.

And the audience was told that the chances of

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Residents encouraged to download town app

BY PAUL FREY MVP Staff

While the Town of Didsbury's new free app has been working well since it was launched, town staff is encouraging more people to download it to stay up to date on all the latest happenings in Didsbury.

The app was launched in December 2014. Since that time, about 300 people have downloaded it, but more people are encouraged to do so.

"The app has been working really well. It provides information to residents that they can also get on our website, but it's at your fingertips (on a mobile device). My goal is to have every resident who has a smartphone or a tablet to download this app," said Derek Sutherland, manager of protective services for the Town of Didsbury.

"What we do is we'll send notification directly to a phone or tablet that will let residents know what's going on in the town and what we need them to do and areas that should be avoided," he said, noting that since the app was launched town staff have already used it on two occasions to notify residents of poor highway conditions and travel advisories issued by the RCMP.

Sutherland said the advantage to the app from a

Sutherland said the advantage to the app from a town staff perspective is that it is always difficult to communicate with residents in an emergency situation. By communicating using the app, however, emergency staff is able to get the most up-to-date and reliable information out to users in a timely manner. If a situation changes, emergency staff is able to update the information quickly.

Sutherland said because information about a

certain event travels fast - and that information isn't always accurate - this allows emergency personnel to get the best information to residents.

"In emergency management ... our biggest challenge is communication with the residents. And we have to utilize so many avenues of communication to reach as many residents as possible. This allows us to get accurate, timely information to the residents so that they can take appropriate action," Sutherland said.

Town staff have no plans to abandon all other modes of communication, but the app is useful because it provides accurate information as timely as possible, he said. It could be used in any situation in which residents would be asked to stay at home or shelter in place.



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Police briefs

BY PAUL FREY

Gas stolen

Didsbury RCMP say a tan Ford Explorer with a black leather covering over the grille pulled into the Didsbury Fas Gas shortly after 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 12 when an individual from the vehicle filled the tank with \$51 worth of fuel. The driver departed without paying. A licence plate wasn't obtained, as it was obscured by snow, according to police.

Name the puppies

RCMP are looking for youth under age 16 to submit names for 10 German shepherd puppies current-ly training at the force's dog training facility near Innisfail. Names must start with the letter H, be no more than two syllables and no longer than nine letters. Entries can be made by going to www. remp-gre.ge.ca or by mailing a letter to Name the Puppy Contest, Police Dog Service Training Centre, Box 6120, Innisfail, AB., T4G 1S8. The letter should contain relevant information about the entrant, and the puppy's prospective name. Ten winners will be chosen

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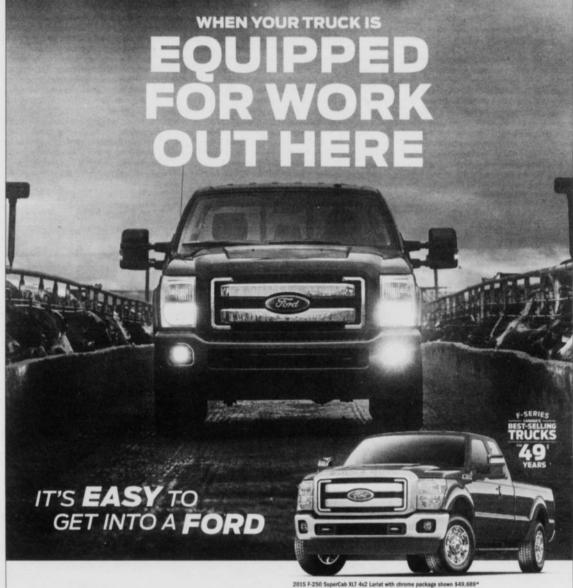
BY PAUL FREY MVP Staff

The Didsbury Municipal Library has decided to abolish the fee associated with its library card.

The decision was made by the library board in 2014 and took effect on Jan. 1. It follows a decision made by both the Edmonton and Calgary public libraries to abolish the fees associated with their cards.

"The Didsbury library board has wanted for some time to eliminate card fees and break down this barrier to accessing the public library. Confident now that they can raise the funds to replace that revenue through grants and donations, the Didsbury library board will not charge borrower card fees effective January 1," a press release from the library stated.

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Council ratifies FCSS funding amounts

BY PAUL FREY MVP Staff

Members of town council ratified almost \$58,000 in Family and Community Support Services funding to various community groups at council's meeting on Feb. 10.

A total of 15 organizations had requested \$69,554 in funding.

The Chinook's Edge School Division family school wellness program received \$11,166 while Youth Empowerment and Support received \$8,985 and Accredited Supports to the Community received \$8,253.

Didsbury and District Senior Support Services received \$7,250, while the Didsbury Preschool Society received \$6,566. Chinook Arch Victims' Services Society received \$5,000.

The Didsbury affiliate of Mountain View Parent Link received \$4,755, The Didsbury High School Connect program received \$1,600 while Westglen School received \$1,028. The Olds and District Hospice Society received \$760, while the Mountain View Communities Adult Learning Society received \$642. Didsbury Addictions and Mental Health Services received \$250.

In making its recommendations for funding to town council, the community services board in some cases did not give the groups all of the funds they requested. The board cited various reasons, including that some of the groups didn't fully research their request before asking for the funds. Some of the requests didn't meet eligibility requirements.

The community services board has \$2,244 remaining in order to fund further projects in 2015. The board receives 80 per cent of its funding from the provincial government, while 20 per cent comes from the town. Half of the funding - \$60,000 - is given out annually to groups that support various aspects of social life in the community.

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MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Wednesday March 11, 2015 at 4:30 pm

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Bylaw 2015-03 "Re-designation Bylaw"

A Bylaw of the Town of Didsbury, to amend Land Use Bylaw 2013-03 for the parcel of land described as:

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Christofer Atchison Manager of Legislative Services



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Margaret Elvira Fradley (neé Lattman)

with four children, Catherine (deceased), Donna

(Krishna), Norman (Susannah) and Carol (Kelly)

sympathetic, and she developed close friendships

with many people. To encourage others, she wrote

a weekly article for the newspaper for many years,

wrote and published two inspirational books -"Ponderings of the Heart". Margaret enjoyed a close personal relationship with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She served Him faithfully during

her life, and was devoted to studying Scripture

and praying for the needs of others. Margaret was a guest speaker and Bible study leader for a

number of churches and Christian organizations

She has gone to be forever with her Lord. She will be missed by her family and her many friends Funeral services were held on February 13, 2015 at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church,

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Marjorie was predeceased by her husband

Kenneth (Scotty MacNair); as well as her brothers Harold and Donald Affleck.

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The family would like to extend their appreciation to all of Marjorie's caregivers at the Clover Bar Lodge and Grandview Nursing

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